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DIKE PLAN SOLVES DRAINAGE PROBLEM IN ALL PARTS OF GLADES, REPORT SAYS

**Locks Necessary To Hold Water
At Proper Levels For Agricultural Purposes**

**ADVISES COMPLETION OF
ALL EXISTING CANALS**

**Zoning-Taxing System Held To
Be Equitable and Practical
In Operation**

Report made by a "drainage commission" appointed to make a study of conditions in the Miami territory in particular, and the Everglades drainage district in general, is published in full in the current issue of "The Miamian," the monthly publication of the Miami Chamber of Commerce. The report follows:

The problem of controlling high waters in the Everglades during rainy seasons is of great importance to the citizens of southeastern Florida and especially those of the city of Miami. A glance at the map will show that many large subdivisions which will soon be a part of Miami are located in the Everglades drainage district formed by the Florida East Coast railroad extension from Little River to Larkins and the eastern boundary of the Everglades Drainage District, there is approximately 25,000 acres and it is only a matter of a few years when this will all be in the city of Miami. It is also well to recall that the new million dollar water supply plant for the city of Miami is located in the Everglades.

Owing to the fact that there are a number of special drainage districts located in areas of the Everglades along the east coast of Florida and also taking into consideration the work of the State Drainage Board, it has been felt by some of our citizens that this work should be co-ordinated so that one drainage district would not necessarily make a hardship upon another section. Realizing the necessity of some plan which would allow the overflow waters from Lake Okechobee and the surface waters from the area approximately 3,000 square miles north and west of the Miami canal to flow freely to the sea and realizing that the present canals are inadequate to take care of the extraordinary rains which are liable to come at intervals from two to six years, a committee from the Miami Chamber of Commerce met before the county commissioners of Dade county and it was agreed that a drainage commission should be formed which would take testimony from the most competent engineers and best posted laymen in this section on the subject of Everglades drainage and the following committee was appointed to prepare a report which would serve as a guide for future action on the part of Dade county and the following civic organizations and city and county officials:

Two members appointed from the Miami Chamber of Commerce: E. G. Sewell, chairman, Geo. E. Warren, secretary. Two members from the Dade county commissioners: D. L. Killian, secretary, J. D. Redd.

Appointees of the city of Miami: Ernest Cotton, engineer and director of public works.

From the Dade drainage district: E. R. Graham.

From the Broward drainage district: James H. Bright.

From the Biscayne drainage district: R. E. McDonald.

From the Southern drainage district: Joe P. Conrad.

This committee organized itself by electing as chairman, E. G. Sewell, and secretary, D. L. Killian. It was agreed that the committee would proceed along the same lines as the United States flood control engineers in collecting data on various proposed government improvements.

The committee then proceeded to interview the men whom they considered the best posted in this section and the engineers who had investigated the Everglades problem to appear before the committee and give testimony.

It was thought by the committee that their investigation should include information which would assist them in reaching the best solutions of the drainage problem, from both an immediate local standpoint and also from a standpoint of the development of a complete drainage system in the whole Everglades.

The following gentlemen gave testimony: James H. Bright, E. R. Graham, Daniel E. Clune, engineer; M. B. Garcia, government engineer; Ernest Cotton, engineer with wide experience; Hobart Crabtree, county engineer; Capt. J. F. Jordon, John A. Moore, engineer; C. H. Ruggles, West Palm Beach, president State Engineers Society; F. C. Elliott, chief drainage engineer for the state of Florida; Van O. Swearingin, formerly attorney general.

It will not be the plan of this commission to go into the technical engineering details, however, it will be our purpose to set forth our conclusions on the various subjects which have bearing on the drainage of the Everglades or sections of the same and try to give some of the main reasons why we reach these conclusions so that the laymen may understand the situation as we consider it, and we will also make such recommendations as we think best for the people who are now trying to develop the agricultural and other industries in the Everglades.

REPORT SUMMARIZED

The report of a "drainage commission" formed by the Miami Chamber of Commerce and the board of county commissioners of Dade county, printed in full herewith, is a comprehensive review; it is as important in what it does say, as it is in what it does not say. The report inferentially but not specifically endorses extension of the boundaries of the Everglades drainage district; it makes no direct reference to sale of drainage water to east coast municipalities; it does not recommend any change in the composition of the board of commissioners of the main district or places of headquarters of the chief engineer; it makes no recommendation of change in the provision for averting muck fires. Immediate enlargement of existing canals is definitely advised and the cutting of two new main outlet canals is suggested.

First: It is our opinion that the complete drainage of the Everglades as a whole, is something that is far in the distance and will take a great number of years to accomplish. Our reason for this conclusion is that the enormous areas of the Everglades and the great number of canals which it will take to drain off quickly the heavy rainfall which we are liable to have in this section during the months of September and October and the possibility even with ruinous taxes of speedily raising the enormous amount of money necessary. It is realized that it would take a great many canals to control the water effectively during early heavy rains and the area of the Miami canal will only effectively drain an area of approximately one hundred square miles.

Second: Owing to the above situation and owing to experiments that have been made with dikes and levees, we consider that the dike and levee system is the only possible way to control the water in the various special drainage districts of the Everglades. However, from the experience of the various drainage districts, we consider this plan perfectly feasible and the plan itself may be carried out by the sections along the Everglades, the same to be extended out into the water from time to time as the financing of same may be carried out on a business basis. The levees that have been built have been approximately four feet deep and twenty feet wide. In taking up the Everglades along the east coast, it is our opinion that all sections where it is proposed to develop agricultural purposes should be aligned so that the water would not be heamed in pockets. Third: This commission also investigated very thoroughly the general direction of flow of the water over the Everglades when the same was very high and all the engineers, who testified before this commission, agreed that the water naturally flowed southward and for this reason realized the great importance of leaving a large sluiceway from Lake Okechobee southward to the Gulf to take care of the large amount of water which may fall during an excessive rainy season. This is especially necessary in carrying out the dike and levee system along the edges of the Everglades.

Fourth: It is shown by the various engineers that the Tamiami Trail, without proper openings in same, had acted as a dam in holding back the water to quite an extent and it was agreed by the various engineers that there should be sufficient openings between the canal lines 20-37 on the east and 24-35 on the west to take care of the water coming from the north.

Fifth: It is our opinion that it is absolutely necessary that levees be placed wherever the levees are located as the water in the canals must be controlled if any part of the plan is to be carried out. It is our opinion that a levee is a necessary condition for agricultural pursuits during excessive rainy periods. For this reason we wish to express our approval of the dam in Miami canal which was placed there by the chief engineer.

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DEAL IS ON FOR MODERN HOTEL IN CANAL POINT

**Negotiations For Site Under
Way With Pioneer Investment
Company**

JOHN S. GRAY TO BUILD IT

**West Palm Beach Bond Company
Prepared To Finance
Proposition**

Erection of a \$500,000 hotel in Canal Point is expected to result from negotiations that are under way between the Pioneer Investment Company, owner of a site, and Mr. and Mrs. John S. Gray and a bond company in West Palm Beach.

If the deal is put through as now planned, Mr. and Mrs. Gray will sell their real estate at Pahokee for \$15,000 and buy seven lots in the Pioneer Investment Company's subdivision in Canal Point for \$100,000 and then finance a hotel building through the Atlantic Bond and Title Company of West Palm Beach.

The proposed site is seven lots north of the canal and west of Corners Highway, four of the lots fronting the road for 100 feet and three fronting the canal for 75 feet. The hotel will be on the lot, now on the plot, would be moved to another location.

J. A. Rost, manager of the Pioneer Investment Company, was in Canal Point Thursday last week and heard the Gray's proposition, and Mr. and Mrs. Gray have made several trips to West Palm Beach for conferences with the bond company, which is understood to be willing to finance the proposition and to have money immediately available.

It is hoped that the preliminaries to construction can start by the first of June.

JOHN S. GRAY BUYS CLEWISTON BOATS

**Takes Over Bay Isle and
Wilma and Contract
For Mail Delivery**

John S. Gray this week bought the Clewiston Boat Line and consolidated it with the Gray Lane Transfer and was completed Monday, when Mr. Gray went to Moore Haven and made a contract with the Clewiston Boat Line of the Clewiston line. The deal includes the boats Bay Isle and Wilma and the contract for mail delivery between Clewiston and points on East Bay.

The Wilma will be overhauled and used exclusively for carrying passengers and mail. The Bay Isle will be used for carrying passengers and mail, and the Clewiston will be used for carrying passengers and mail.

Mr. Gray will run his original staff of the Bernice, between Okechobee and Canal Point until tomatoes are ready for movement and he will then run the Bernice daily between Canal Point and Chosen, Belle Glade and South Bay.

M'CRACKEN WAVES ON DISTRICT EXTENSION

"Matters so important as the pending legislative changes should be considered by civic bodies and expressions of approval or disapproval should be given that the representative will have some means of gauging the public's attitude," M. S. McCracken, newly elected representative to the legislature is quoted in the Palm Beach Post as saying. The Post article continues: "Asked how he suggested action on the proposal that the boundaries of the Everglades drainage district be extended, McCracken said: 'The matter was not being viewed with the complete disfavor that it previously was, but the recent personal statements of F. C. Elliott, chief engineer of the drainage district. His personal feeling for the extension of the district, although an initial tax of only one mill was proposed, there would be no assurance that the tax would not be increased later. Moreover, he said, there was no certainty that the opinion of the I. I. board that such a tax would not constitute a drainage tax and as such not subject property to sale for delinquent taxes without a provision would be upheld by the supreme court."

THREE MILLION LOSS WHEN PALM BEACH HOTELS BURN

An electrical connection started a fire Wednesday which destroyed the Breakers hotel in Palm Beach. Sparks set fire to the Palm Beach Hotel half a mile away, which burned with half a dozen small shops adjacent. Report that the Poinciana hotel and several cottages burned down is erroneous. Fire departments from Miami, Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach helped the Palm Beach department. The loss of buildings and contents is estimated at two to three million dollars.

MORE MONEY FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Edward Mapp of Stuart, member of the county school board, writes to the editor of The Everglades News: "I am very glad to tell you that County Assessor Owens came before the county board of public instruction Saturday, March 14, and asked just how much money we needed to operate the schools of the county for the next fiscal year, which starts July 1. We told him we wanted a 50 per cent increase over last year's assessment. He assured us that this would be done. "We can now plan on keeping up with the county's growth, which we are assured will be about 50 per cent. The school taxes do not mean that the assessed value of all county lands will be increased 50 per cent, because much of the increase will be derived from lands formerly assessed as acreage and now to be assessed at city lots."

F.E.C. RAILS REACH CANAL BRIDGE

Rails of the Florida East Coast railroad were laid as far south as the Canal Point bridge yesterday afternoon and work trains were dumping sand under the ties between the bridge and the town. Poles of the telegraph line have been set as far south as the tollhouse, 1000 feet from the bridge, and wire is being strung. A pile driver is putting in foundation for the bridge's pier and another pile driver is extending the trestle from the station building to Conners packing house. Piles will be driven one week for a dock opposite the depot.

Estimate still holds that trains can reach the depot by April 20, a telegraph service installed at the same time.

VEGETABLE SHIPMENTS

Shipments of peas from Belle Glade territory joined with beans from East Bay have raised car loadings from one car to an average of five cars a day. Fiveiced and expressed cars went out Wednesday night and six cars were scheduled for Thursday night.

Captain John S. Gray took the Bernice to protect the sugar exports yesterday and is expected to bring in a load of beans and peas.

Glades Road Petition Is Filed With Board

Petitions were filed Wednesday with the county commissioners asking that a call be made for an election on a proposition to issue \$900,000 bonds of district No. 11 for extension of Belle Glade road to Hendry county line and for the Canal Point-Pahokee road to Belle Glade and for other roads in the upper Everglades section of Palm Beach county.

Lon Jacobs and J. W. Christie of La Belle and C. L. Williams and Fred Planders of Moore Haven called on and urged that the start on road work be hurried in order to have another cross-state road into West Palm Beach in time for the end of the next tourist season.

"The petitions for the election were filed out to the superintendent on registration for checking of signatures. If there are 25 per cent of 'freshholders' eligible to vote, an election will be called at the April first meeting of the county board."

BURN DRAINAGE BONDS

TALLAHASSEE, March 17.—The Florida state capitol building had an electric fire today, started on the second floor by a short circuit. The fire was quickly extinguished by firemen. The fire was caused by a short circuit in the electric wiring. The fire was caused by a short circuit in the electric wiring. The fire was caused by a short circuit in the electric wiring.

HEAVY LOSS AS FIRE DESTROYS LARGEST STORE

**J. E. Carter Stock of General
Merchandise Burns Early
Wednesday Morning**

**SUSPECT ORIGIN TO BE
BURGLARY ATTEMPT**

Okechobee's Fire Department Responds To Call Telephoned For Help

J. E. Carter's general store at Canal Point, the largest mercantile establishment in the Everglades, burned Wednesday morning with a loss on building and contents estimated at near \$50,000, by instance of Mr. Carter suspects the origin of the fire to be incendiary and to be connected with attempted burglary.

An east wind that sprang up after the fire was under way spread sparks on the roofs of adjacent buildings and the destruction of other houses was barely averted by volunteer firemen's recourse to the old fashioned "bucket brigade" method. Safety of the town was assured later by the arrival of the Okechobee fire engine, which pumped water from the canal and threw it on the remnants of the Carter building.

The fire was first returning to his home at Okechobee and parked his car at the "sandwich shop" a little while later. After drinking a cup of coffee he returned to the car with a cup of coffee for Mrs. Collins and saw a blaze in the Carter store which when he had passed it a few minutes before was dark.

Paul Mansfield, Ray Closson, Jack Barrett and John Thomas joined in his call of alarm. Mr. Mansfield says that the fire started in the store and the store and flames were coming out. Their calls and discharge of a shotgun by E. W. Simmons aroused a number of adjoining houses, and awoke members of the Carter family, who lived over the store and who had come to collect the children and get out of their smoke-filled rooms and into the street.

The fire started in the dry goods department on the east side and was breaking through the wall. Mr. Mansfield said he saw a flash of light and saw four automobiles and trucks out of the way that were stored in the adjacent shed and when the flames arrived in carrying water in buckets from the canal across the street and pouring it on the roofs of the store and the store and the building nearby by A. W. Adams, the barber shop, A. L. (Continued on page eight)

PILOTS DEBATE NEW LAKE LIGHTS

**Not Yet Reconciled To
Strange System and
Hanker For Old**

A new system of beacon lights, of the kind used on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts, with electric batteries is in use on Lake Okechobee, installation having been completed last week, but so far they have not won praise from the boatmen who use the Canal Point harbor. The new electric lights replace kerosene lights.

"They may be better than the old if they are lighted but the Kreamer Island light was out two days after it was put in," Captain John A. Fultz commented. "The new lights are not as strong as the others, and weak as they are their twinkling, or flashing, makes one make mistakes in the lightning bug." "Whether this was intention or not, Captain Price of the McCoy Line assented to it."

Pat Carroll, a pilot on the Gray Line freight boat Bernice, does not think the new lights are a mistake. "I have seen the boatmen object to white lights at channel entrances because they look too much like the shore lights. But one of the beacons does not make them stand out as they can be distinguished from lights on shore, because the shore lights are not as bright as they are turned on or off or are made to flash as cars pass one another. The new lights are not as bright as they are turned on or off or are made to flash as cars pass one another."

The lights at the channel entrances flash each second, while those marking the channels across the lake flash every two seconds.

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HOWARD SHARP
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Canal Point, Fla

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engineer of the state drainage board as
had he not done so an enormous amount
of property must be subject to constant
damage. We also wish to approve of
the dam in the Tamiami Trail canal as
from the evidence we took it was shown
that the Tamiami canal was even drain-
ing water from Monroe county all the
way through Dade county and into the
Miami river which waterway has been
overburdened with the artificial canals
carrying water into the same. If the
discharge of these artificial water
courses are not restricted to what the
Miami river can handle, valuable prop-
erty along the Miami river both in the
city and outside of it will be unneces-
sarily submerged.

(Sixth: It was brought out in the dis-
cussions by the engineers, that a canal
the size of the Miami canal would only
drain adequately an area of approxi-
mately 60,000 acres. It is our opinion
that in creating drainage districts, it is
the most important task that may fall on
the interior of the dikes and levees cannot
drain off.

Seventh: It was suggested that a
canal should be constructed southward
from a point approximately thirty miles
south of Lake Okeechobee and near the
Miami canal southward to Shark river;
it being proposed to make this of large
enough dimensions to take care of the
floods waters from the west and north.
There being considerable difference of
opinion as to the size necessary and the
distance from Shark river, that such a
canal would function as a drainage
canal and as this canal is one that
would have to be financed by the state
drainage board, we request that the
state drainage board investigate this
route and determine the feasibility of
the same. It is our opinion that this
canal would be a valuable asset to the
drainage of the Everglades.

Eighth: The discussion developed
that there is an eleven mile strip
through the Glades lying between the
western boundaries of the Southern
and Dade drainage districts and eastern
boundaries of Monroe and Collier
counties and extending to the Gulf,
most of which land belongs to the state
of Florida and it is the opinion of the
commissioners that this land should not
be sold to settlers at this time but
should be retained by the state and
used as a sluiceway to take care of the
overflow of water during the excessive
rainfalls.

Ninth: There was another phase
brought out, the importance of
controlling the water for sub-irrigation
as it was shown that to drain off all
the water would be a great detriment,
the rich muck soil being of a peat for-
mation demands an adequate amount
of moisture in the ground to promote
the growth of agricultural products.

We have noted the experience of agri-
culturists in the state of California
where water is confined by dams and
run in canals and conduits hundreds of
miles and then turned loose in the va-
rious fields to give the soil proper
moisture for agricultural development
and this plan of water control should
be more or less adhered to in the Ex-
everglades which is only a matter of
placing of such locks in the canals with
sufficient lateral canals to distribute
the water throughout the drained area.

Tenth: It was shown, by testimony,
that the Everglades will produce, when
the moisture is properly controlled,
crops having a gross value of from \$100
per acre for staple crops such as sugar
cane to one thousand dollars per acre
for truck crops. It was shown that in-
side the present levee which extends
from Snapper Creek to North New
River canal, there is over 250,000 acres.
The production figures given above
show the vast possibilities of this area,
as if even the lowest figure of \$100 per
acre is used, this would give \$25,000,000
gross production per year if properly
drained and water controlled; an en-
ormous sum not now being realized be-
cause of the lack of drainage and
water control.

Eleventh: From evidence submitted
we believe that work now proposed
with that already done, will drain this
area if outside water is not brought in-
to the area. The proposed work as
outlined to the commission is as fol-
lows:

In Broward district:
The deepening and widening of North
New River canal by the state.

The construction of a levee along the
boundary of Broward district and con-
trol of outside waters by Broward dis-
trict as proposed by the Dade Growers
Association. We approve all this work
and further recommend that an ef-
fort be made by the state drainage
board or Broward drainage district to
start work on the Snake Creek canal.

In Biscayne drainage district:
The joint construction with the Dade
drainage district of a canal from the
bay to the Dade drainage district.

In the Dade drainage district:
The completion of Biscayne canal to
Miami canal.

The joint construction with Little
River drainage district of a canal from
Little River to Miami canal.

The connecting up of the levee in
Dade drainage district with the Brow-
ard district.

In the Southern drainage district:
Completion of Coral Gables canal;
Improving Snapper Creek canal;
Digging of Black Point canal.

We believe that if the canals outlined
are constructed they will not only drain
the area now inside of the levee but
practically all of the three districts

that can be drained by gravity. In the
meantime, valuable data will be ob-
tained in regard to the feasibility of
pumping from the pump plants that are
now installed or about to be installed
near Lake Okeechobee.

Financing

We have found, upon investigation,
that the state drainage commission has
used excellent judgment and have been
very fair in their distribution of taxes
along the various canals and in the
Everglades drainage areas. We find
that they tax the Everglades drainage
area, as a whole, ten cents per acre
which fund goes to pay interest on the
bonds for expenditures in canals which
are being used to control the water in
Lake Okeechobee. It is felt that the
control of the water in Lake Okeechobee
is especially necessary to every acre
to Everglades land as the water from
this lake in former years overflowed
all the Everglades area.

We find that a systematic effort has
been made to levy and grade taxes ac-
cording to where the work had been
done and the benefits received. Our
observation is that a study of the sell-
ing price of land will show that this
has been fairly distributed. The land
having the most drainage is taxed at
82 to 92 cents per acre, the second zone
for 56 to 68 cents, the third zone for
45 to 56 cents, and the fourth zone 34
to 42 cents, and the fifth zone 10 cents
as mentioned above, this being the low-
est, tax with the exception of three
small areas north of Lake Okeechobee
which are taxed five cents per acre.

We find that the special drainage
districts are putting on the following
additional tax to cover the expense of
levees and additional canals from these
various drainage districts:

Dade drainage district, tax 50 to 80
cents per acre.

Biscayne drainage district, proposed
tax \$3.00 to \$4.00 per acre.

Broward drainage district, tax 10 to
50 cents per acre.

Southern drainage district, tax 50
cents per acre.

Owing to the fact that the financing
of the drainage canals and levees has
come from the taxation on the lands, it
is our opinion that the state drainage
board should be strongly supported in
all their attempts to so enhance and
demonstrate the value of these lands
as to enable them most largely to meet
their financial wants from the trust
lands that still remain in their hands
and thus make the tax burden upon
lands still unproductive as light as
possible. Also, as the state tax levied
on each area is based on the cost of the
work done in that area, we believe that
drainage can be hastened by the sub-
drainage districts, that are in a posi-
tion to do so, by bonding and doing
as much of their own work as possible
but it is very essential that this work
be co-ordinated by the state.

It is also our opinion that the state
drainage board should reorganize its
financing plan and work out a plan
that will allow them to secure the
necessary funds to dredge at the earli-
est possible moment the necessary con-
trol canals that will give complete con-
trol of the water in the Everglades area.
It is the opinion of this commission
that where there are now settlers in
the Everglades, and where it is at all
practical, that everything possible
should be done to protect those settlers
in their efforts to till the soil in this
empire of rich Everglades soil.

Your commission has also noticed
with interest the fact that many settlers
who have had to leave their homes on
account of high water, returned immedi-
ately when the water subsided and this
is sufficient evidence of the agricultur-
al possibilities in the Florida Ever-
glades.

We wish to recommend that the
county commissioners and the super-
visors of the sub-drainage district in
Dade county co-operate in every way
possible in the construction of lateral
drains and roads to give immediate re-
lief to the settlers who are now living
in the Glades.

We would recommend that our sen-
ators and congressmen be asked to se-
cure a survey of the Miami river with
a view to securing an appropriation to
dredge the rock and silt from the Mi-
ami river to facilitate the drainage of
water from the Miami canal and the
Tamiami canal which drains into same
and in times of high water, caused the
banks to overflow.

We find that there is considerable
lower rock in the upper portion of the
Miami river and same should be re-
moved.

We would also recommend to the
county commissioners, that they remove
the obstructions in the Miami canal at
the Muga Isle bridge which are struc-
tures are retarding the free flow of
water. We would recommend to the
state legislature that they work out
some adequate plan for financing Ex-
everglades drainage work on the main
control canals and for the purpose of
dredging new canals where necessary
so that the drainage of this great rich
area may be made efficient at all times
and in the quickest possible time.

The experience of the past five years
has proven the possibility of complete
drainage and especially of a large por-
tion of the Everglades and it has also
proven the great fertility of the soil
and its agricultural possibilities and
for this reason we believe that the state
of Florida would be warranted in go-
ing ahead with this great project in the
most comprehensive manner, and earn-
estly urge the support of our senator
and representatives for these recom-
mendations. R. C. SEWELL, Pres.
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S. BELL MAY PUT IN PHONE EXCHANGE

Await Time When Citizens Will Subscribe For Service

To replace them with cross-roads poles, heavier and taller, the telephone poles on Loxahatchee road and Belle Glade road that were put in by the Southern States Land and Timber Company and the Palm Beach Everglades Telephone Company a few years ago are being cut down. The Southern Bell company bought the local line a few weeks ago and paid a sum that represented more than half the local company's original investment, but is building a wholly new line. The rebuilt line is part of a cross-state system that will run from West Palm Beach to Fort Myers.

The Southern Bell Telephone Company a few weeks ago bought the Fort Lauderdale Telephone Company from Tom M. Bryan and has started on a \$75,000 program of improvement. The company has also bought the Lake Worth telephone exchange and is rebuilding it. The total of the big company's new investments in South Florida in recent years will run into millions. Dispatches from New York report that the Southern Bell capitalization is to be largely increased.

Maintenance work is done from time to time on the line from Belle Glade to Canal Point by way of Pahokee but the location of the line is such that good service cannot be rendered continuously. This branch was intended to follow the route of a public road from Hillsboro canal to East Beach but the road grade washed out in 1922 and has not been restored. Maintenance of dependable telephone service to Canal Point cannot be expected until the road is built so breaks in the line can be found by the "trouble men."

Womans Club

Program of music department of the Womans Club given Monday afternoon.

Mrs. H. C. Graham, leader.
1. Piano solo, "Dance of the Winds."
Miss Lora Williams.
Reading, "Schubert, the Greatest Song Writer," Mrs. C. A. Shive.
3. Violin solo, "Traumeri," Mrs. E. Jordan.
4. Vocal solo, "O Sole Mio," Miss Lula Barfield.
5. Piano duet, "Homages," Mrs. H. C. Graham and G. C. Gammage.
Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the program.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Graham visited relatives in West Palm Beach Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Jordan went to Okeechobee Saturday for a brief visit. Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Little of Okelanta were in town Monday.

Mrs. Fannie Hall and children, Mr. and Mrs. Pysker, Mr. and Mrs. Ohl and Mrs. Letson of West Palm Beach were visitors of Pahokee Sunday.

L. G. Freeman and Mr. McMichael, manufacturers from Cincinnati, and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas were here Monday.

Mr. Freeman owns section 8 and other land south of Pahokee and Thomas Dixon, Miss Hazel Boyd and Miss Tommie Gray went to West Palm Beach Sunday.

Mrs. Boyd is visiting her daughters in Vero.

Mr. Hendrickson of West Palm Beach was here Friday.

Mr. J. F. Waters has a new sign on his real estate office.

A. Kaltenbrunner has purchased a Stutz car. He, Mrs. French and daughter, Dorotee, motored to Fort Lauderdale and back Sunday.

B. Elliott has bought a new Ford.

Robert Schroeder and Marshall Lair went to West Palm Beach on business Friday.

Dr. Lair and Dr. Guise made a business trip to Okeechobee Saturday. They attended the drainage association meeting.

Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Bronson of Kissimmee visited their sister, Mrs. R. J. Crews, Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Jones went into West Palm Beach to see their son Floyd Sunday. Floyd is convalescing from an attack of pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Poland and Mrs. Johnson visited West Palm Beach Monday.

LAKE CONNECTION FOR S. A. L. AT OKEECHOBEE

OKEECHOBEE, March 14.—Purchase of property by the F. W. and N. railway, subsidiary of the Seaboard Air Line, was regarded here as an indication that the Seaboard is preparing to build a lateral road west and south of Okeechobee City to the river front. The purchases are said to include 15 acres of river front property, one and one-quarter miles south of the Florida East Coast river front dock and options on other property available for right of way. The main line of the F. W. and N. here does not touch navigable waters, either on the lake front or river, lending weight to the suggestion of acquisition of Seaboard Lines.

The Womans Club will give a play at the Pahokee Theater Friday night.

Pahokee May Ship To S. A. L. At Okeechobee

Timbers and other material for construction of the Pahokee dock will be delivered to a dock at Okeechobee City Saturday by the sawmill. It is promised, and will be brought down next week. Bids for doing the construction have been called for. Trustees of the fund have delegated Robert J. Schroder to make collections on the subscriptions to the fund. If the subscriptions are insufficient, the Atlantic Title and Guaranty Company of West Palm Beach will loan the rest of the money.

Shipments of tomatoes from the Pahokee territory may be made from the Pahokee dock to the Seaboard Air Line railroad at Okeechobee as a result of arrangements that are being negotiated. Proven is made that Seaboard will have boat terminals at Okeechobee before the end of the tomato shipping season. Okeechobee is recommended as a receiving point by the Seaboard freight officials in preference to Indiantown on St. Lucie canal.

225 H. P. ENGINE FOR PAHOKEE PUMP PLANT

A 225-horsepower Sterling engine, intended to furnish power for pumps in the Pahokee drainage district, was brought in Monday from Okeechobee by the boat Bernice.

PHONE EXCHANGE

The Southern Bell Telephone Company will put in a local telephone exchange on East Beach, unless someone gets ahead of us—just sit still," J. R. Poland thus quotes T. L. Jordan, manager of the West Palm Beach exchange. Mr. Poland estimates that an exchange can be maintained if 100 subscribers for service are signed up.

GAS TAX WOULD BUILD ROADS—IF WE GOT IT

Consumption of gasoline in the Canal Point-Pahokee district continues strong. Boats and tractors provide an outlet for gas in addition to the consumption by automobiles and trucks that is normal elsewhere. If East Beach got its share of the gasoline tax money, that fund alone would be enough to fix our roads, observers comment.

The Gulf Refining Company and the Standard Oil Company sell most of the gas used on the eastern side of the lake but as some of the boats take on supplies at Clewiston and Okeechobee, The Tug Company also gets a share of the business.

Last week the boat Indian River made three trips to Moore Haven for gas and oils for the Canal Point Garage and brought an average of 80 drums each trip.

TO VOTE ON BONDS FOR GLADES COURT HOUSE

MOORE HAVEN, March 17.—Bonds in the sum of \$135,000 are proposed to be voted April 14 for the erection of a court house and at the same time authorize \$15,000 bonds for the purchase of equipment. The order for the election was made this month by the unanimous vote of the board of county commissioners following the recommendation of the grand jury that a new court house be provided. The proposition seems to be favored all through the county except at Palmdale, which has hopes that it may some day be the county seat.

SEABOARD TO FORT MYERS

FORT MYERS, March 17.—The committee who went to West Palm Beach to confer with S. Davies Warfield, president of the Seaboard Air Line railroad, in regard to this road coming into Fort Myers again, yesterday in Mr. Warfield's private car and say that the conference was entirely satisfactory and the committee feels sure that, with the cooperation of the citizens of Fort Myers, it will be possible to bring the railroad into this city.

ADVANCE IN PRICE OF OKEECHOBEE REAL ESTATE

Formal notice was given this week that on March 20 the price of W. J. Conners' Okeechobee Company lots would be advanced 20 per cent. Mr. Conners has let the contract for improvements that will cost \$30,000 and this is one reason for raising prices that have prevailed since December.

CHURCH SERVICES

Baptist Church

Preaching service, 11 a. m. first and third Sundays.

Sunday school, 10 a. m.

B. Y. P. U. Sundays, 7:30 p. m.

Rev. E. L. Williamson, Pastor.

NOTICE OF ELECTION OF SUPERVISOR FOR PAHOKEE DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

A meeting of the owners of the lands situated in Pahokee Drainage District of Palm Beach County, Florida, is hereby called for the 31st day of March, A. D. 1925, at the office of the Board of Supervisors of Pahokee Drainage District in the Town of Pahokee, Florida, for the purpose of electing one supervisor for the term of three years, which supervisor to be elected shall be an owner of lands in said District. Each acre of land in said District shall be entitled to one vote by the owner in person or by proxy duly signed.

By order of the Board of Supervisors of Pahokee Drainage District, this the 2d day of March, A. D. 1925.

Homer Vivian, Secretary.

WANT ADS

WANTED—Bids on dock to be built at Pahokee, Fla., 200 feet long, with 30x40 foot T. Call on Ira York, at Pahokee for plans and specifications.

FOR SALE—Steel army cot, pad and pillow—R. J. Schroder, Pahokee, Fla. 51-129

LOT EQUITY in Hialeah, near Miami, for farm machinery, horse, or what have you near Chosen. Wm. Snow, Chosen, Fla. 52 48

FOR SALE—N. E. 1-4 of S. E. 1-4 of S. E. 1-4 Sec. 13, Twp. 42, Range 37, Pahokee Drainage District, R. H. Hise, Okelanta, Fla. 51 12

EGGS FOR SALE—Thoroughbred White Wyandotte eggs for setting; \$2 a setting—Mrs. R. Bee, Pahokee.

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MORE BUSINESSES FOR CANAL POINT

W. L. Brandon Gets Site
From G. A. Watkins;
Standard, Too

W. L. Brandon, for many years in the flour milling and wholesale grocery business, has arranged to get a lot from G. A. Watkins as site for a warehouse. The lot will front on the Pahokee-Canal Point road near the Florida East Coast railroad station and be adjacent to the sites for proposed ice plant, packing house and other businesses that are expected to be established on a side track for which negotiations are under way. Mr. Brandon may not make use of the side track, however. He objects to the proposed charge of \$400 a year rental in addition to payment on account of construction of the siding and in lieu of the demand of the F. E. C. management is contrary to practices of other railroads. He says that as he will have a warehouse on the seaboard Air Line and will have to use trucks, he will use the truck line in lieu of use of F. E. C. facilities.

Mr. Brandon has interests in mills and elevators at Marianna, Fla., and Clyde, Kansas. He recently sold his interest in the Fort Lauderdale Wholesale Grocery Company and is building a new house on the ridge of his farm tract north of Canal Point.

The Standard Oil Company has also made application to Mr. G. A. Watkins for a site, he said Monday. A lease form has been executed on one side and has been forwarded to the headquarters of the oil company. Conclusion of the deal, if made, is not expected for several days. The Gulf Company will also have a station from which oil will be unloaded from cars into large tanks but the location has not been fixed.

Hector May Locate
The Hector Supply Company, with headquarters at Miami and branches at many points on the east coast, is negotiating with Rev. Wm. J. Thomas for the purchase of a part of their property in the south part of Canal Point as site for a warehouse and store. The Thomases quoted a price on a lot rather than stand in the way of the city's new business in the town but are indifferent to a sale, particularly in view of offers from others of a higher price for the lot than the price at which it was quoted to the Hector Supply Company. The Thomas land is adjacent to the G. A. Watkins land on the lake front on which it is proposed to locate several buildings on a side track.

Harry Hector of Miami and E. G. Carrel of West Palm Beach visited Canal Point last week and canvassed the territory. Mr. Carrel is manager of the West Palm Beach branch. The firm specializes in crate material, truckers supplies and feeds.

CANAL POINT

T. H. Webber of Homestead came up Sunday to look over the country.

Mr. C. Constans went into West Palm Beach today to spend a few days visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Barrett motored to the east coast Sunday and looked at their lots in Hollywood and Hialeah.

Dan Johnson, Jr., will leave the latter part of this week or the first of next week for Tallahassee, his old home, for a visit to relatives and friends.

A party of tomato packers who worked in the red-top house last year, came up from Homestead the latter part of last week for a one-day visit to see how this year's crop was coming on.

Mrs. Joseph Alley, whose husband is a vegetable buyer from Tampa, was a luncheon guest at the home of Reverend and Mrs. Thomas this week. Mr. Alley and Mr. Thomas became acquainted a year ago in Tampa.

E. L. Williamson and daughters, the Misses Lora and Thelma, of Pahokee were guests of honor at a six o'clock dinner given by Reverend and Mrs. W. J. Thomas of Canal Point Tuesday. Those present to meet the worthy gentlemen and the young ladies were the Misses Ruby Lowe and Cleo Griffin.

John S. Gray made a business trip to Moore Haven Monday. He drove an automobile from Clewiston to Moore Haven and found a good road between the towns. He did not know there was such a road and was surprised at its excellence. Moore Haven has the largest and best tomato crop in many years, he says.

The Women's Club of Canal Point was entertained by Mrs. O. P. Griffin at the Glades Hotel on Tuesday afternoon. Plans for a play to be given for the purpose of raising money for the club were discussed. It was decided to give a short musical, entertainment followed by a box social during the next full moon, exact date and place to be announced later by the committee. Mesdames Mansfield and Tucker. The community's need for greater cooperation was brought out by discussion. A committee to visit the sick and call up on possible members was appointed, consisting of Mrs. O. P. Griffin, Mrs. W. J. Thomas and Mrs. Jesse Thomas. Refreshments and a social hour were enjoyed by all.

MONEY FOR STATION TO BE SPENT SOON?

Dr. E. W. Brandes of Washington, D. C., in charge of the Canal Point sugar testing station, will return here next month, he writes to C. P. Sheffield, the foreman. Congress has made an appropriation for a site and permanent buildings for the station and it is assumed that Dr. Brandes' visit has to do with the completion of a deal for the purchase of the tract of land and making of plans for houses.

WE DO NOT KNOW WHY LAKE IS NOT LOWERED!

"Why aren't more openings made in the spillways and more water let out and the lake lowered?"

This question is asked of The Everglades News by residents and by tourists in letters to this paper. The thought is expressed that the lake is not being lowered because the spillway until St. Lucie control canal is completed, openings in spillways in other canals should be enlarged at the beginning of the rainy season and closed at the end of the season. Early in the week West Palm Beach canal's level was half a foot or more below the level of ditches that discharge into it. Several farmers state their belief that openings could be made in the spillway and more water disposed of without hurting crops. None have objected to the canal being raised to the 15-foot elevation.

The Everglades News is unable to answer the question "Why so little being done to lower the lake?" because it has no answer and does not know who has.

CALLERS

"A printing office being here proves that there are more people in this section than one would suppose and the newspaper shows that there is more business than appears at first sight," D. L. Kennedy of New York said during a call at the office of The Everglades News Monday. "And I am surprised to find a model 14 Linotype in the office—that is pretty complete equipment in itself and represents a big investment unless there is a good deal of business for the paper," he continued.

Mr. Kennedy is head of the experimental department of the Mergenthaler Linotype Company and is the inventor of many of the devices used on the late model machines. He has a winter home at Pass-a-Grille and started on a trip from the west coast his cruiser and went to the east coast, intending to cross the strait on the return trip. He got stuck in West Palm Beach canal at the railroad bridge near West Palm Beach, and he had to leave it there. He was returning to Pass-a-Grille on the McCoy line.

W. D. Gann of 50 Broad street, New York who was on his way to Ritta to look at land he owns, stopped in Canal Point the first of the week. He has a bureau that furnishes information and advice to investors and traders on stocks and commodities. He found there were many interesting things to observe—the building of a railroad, the harvesting of cane and vegetable crops and the operation of a sugar mill and the working of the big dredge that is deepening West Palm Beach canal. He said a Philadelphia man referred him to The Everglades News as being the best source of information about the Everglades.

While Mr. Gann was at the office of The Everglades News wondering how he was to get to his land, located on Miami canal, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Little came along. The Littles had come over to call on their old friend J. F. Waters of Pahokee and paused at Canal Point to look the town over. They were accompanied by Frank Lowe of Philadelphia, a non-resident land owner who was here for the same purpose as Mr. Gann. A little conversation and comparing of notes developed the fact that the Littles property and Mr. Gann's property were in the same section. This gave Mr. Gann a means of going to the west side of the lake with some one who knew the country, so he left with the Littles in their boat.

C. M. Johnson of Atlanta, president of the Dodson Printers Supply Company, who called at the office Monday, said that President Nelson of the American Type Founders Company had put \$300,000 into the Felsmeier development. Mr. Nelson and Vice President Phinney made a trip through South Florida a few weeks ago, with Mr. Johnson and stopped in Canal Point. They saw the muck land and listened with interest to what was said about this type of soil and that influenced Mr. Nelson to put a third of a million dollars into Felsmeier, part of which is muck.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Kirby of St. Joseph, Mo., spent three or four days on East Beach, leaving Monday. She has owned four tracts of land in the Canal Point territory for several years and although they live in the sawgrass area, she holds them at above \$200 an acre. She is a strong believer in Canal Point future because of its location directly on the lake.

FRATERNAL CALLERS
Wallace Stevens, editor of the Barlow Record, stopped in Wednesday. He was on his way to West Palm Beach to attend a Rotary convention. Mrs. J. C. Norwood and her son Maurice Norwood called yesterday. They are from Cullman, Ala., and with their husband and father own the Cullman Tribune.

CHURCH SERVICES

Baptist Church
Preaching services, 11 a. m. second Sunday in each month. The preaching service will be in the afternoon on the fourth Sunday of the month.
Sunday school, 9:30 p. m. each Sunday.
Rev. E. L. Williamson, Pastor.

COMMUNITY M. E. CHURCH
Sunday school, 10 a. m. G. W. Snyder superintendent; Mr. Silver, Bible teacher; Mrs. Thomas, intermediate teacher; Mrs. O. P. Griffin, junior; Mrs. W. A. Adams, primary; Miss Cleo Griffin, secretary.

The young ladies will give a musical entertainment at the church Saturday evening at 7 o'clock. There will be a free will offering for the Sunday school board, after which ice cream and cake will be served free on the church grounds. Everybody welcome.

Preaching service, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday by pastor.

Sunday evening at 7 o'clock we will hold the fourth quarterly conference at the church. Come, that we may elect officers to conduct the church affairs for the ensuing year. Our annual conference meets at Miami, April 15th.

WM. JESSE THOMAS, Pastor.

STATE LAND SOLD
C. W. Bingham of West Palm Beach was highest bidder for 2840 acres of state land in Dade county, which was sold to him Wednesday by the trustees of the I. I. board at \$50 an acre. C. W. Copp of West Palm Beach bought 30 acres six miles west of West Palm Beach on Lake Clark at \$1200 an acre.

NOTICE

To All Whom it May Concern:
You will please take notice that there will be presented to the Legislature of the State of Florida at its next regular session, a proposed bill incorporating the Town of Canal Point to include the following described territory in Palm Beach County, Florida, to-wit:

The West Half (W1-2) of fractional Section Twenty-three (23), the North-west Quarter (NW1-4) and the West Half (W1-2) of the South-west Quarter (SW1-4) of Section Twenty-six (26), all of fractional Section Twenty-seven (27), the West Half (W1-2) and the West Half (W1-2) of the Northeast Quarter NE1-4 of Section Thirty-four (34), and all of fractional Section Thirty-three (33), all in Township Forty-one (41) South, Range Thirty-seven (37) East.

L. D. Simon, Attorney.
3-20, 27; 4-3, 10, 17, 24; 5-1, 8, 15

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CHOSEN

CHOSHEN, Fla., March 17.—Mr. and Mrs. H. Hart have had a pleasant visit for a month. It being his brother and wife from New York state. They left Friday to make some calls on their ami, whence they will return to their home in New York. Mr. and Mrs. Hart went to Miami last Friday to spend the week end.

The Creech ladies called at the Friedman home for a short visit Sunday evening.

George Ferguson and T. H. Friedman drove to Fort Lauderdale, with some peas last Tuesday.

Mrs. O. V. Elliott of South Bay was over at her Hillsboro farm looking after her interests there. She is getting a nice avocado grove started there and about the only one in that vicinity, and about the only one in that vicinity.

GLADES COUNTY

MOORE HAVEN, March 17.—A dredge operated by the Stone Development Company, which succeeded, the South Florida Farms Company, has completed four miles of canal and dike at the end of 50 days and the dredge is now proceeding along the shores of Lake Hitchcock. The dredge made a 24-foot canal as it threw up a dike. The company has bought seven Studabaker and Cadillac cars in which it will bring prospective buyers from St. Petersburg to Moore Haven. Several cottages are being built on a tract described as the "Stone Farms Land" and referred to as the largest tract of farm in the world and several hundred acres are being plowed in addition to 300 acres that have been planted.

The Bay City dredge, owned by the county, which has completed the Moore Haven-Clewiston land, has been repaired and will start surfacing material from a quarry on land recently bought by the county.

Shipments of beans from Moore Haven are at the rate of three cars a day. Four and a half to \$5 a hamper is being paid for them.

While Sheriff Frank Richards was in Miami attending the road meeting his room at the hotel was entered and his watch and \$35 cash stolen.

The moving picture, "The Covered Wagon," was shown at the Glades Theater Monday and Tuesday evenings of this week. Klutas, the theater manager, is the most enterprising movie manager in any town of this size in the world.

Rev. R. A. Bennett, presiding elder, preached at the Moore Haven Methodist church Sunday.

Mrs. Mamie E. Hadden, wife of Bert Hadden, died at her home in Palmdale March 5.

SOUTH BAY

SOUTH BAY, March 17.—South Bay is a busy place—beans and potatoes are being shipped by the car load, one per week but per day. Town lots are being cleared and several houses will be built this spring and summer. Frank S. Lee, our real estate agent, reports sales for the past few days as follows: H. C. Willis, of Browning, Mont., two lots on Lake avenue; Capt. Ed Forbes of this place, two lots on Lake avenue; W. H. Willis, of this place, two lots on Lake avenue; Dr. Frank P. Repass, of Marion, Va., two lots on Lake avenue; Mrs. R. Brooks, Ritts Island, two lots on Bolles street; Mrs. Mary B. Anderson, Atlanta, Ga., two lots on Canal street; Margaret Clarke, two lots on Lake avenue; Frank B. Francis, Tulsa, Okla., three lots on Lake avenue; W. Daniels of Charlotte, N. C., has bought a 20-acre tract near South Bay.

When the cross-street road is finished (and we are hoping soon) we will not be able to take care of the people who are now planning to come. There are openings for all kinds of business.

The Palm Beach Avocado Groves Company are clearing 50 acres just east of South Bay on the cross-street highway and will commence setting avocado trees as fast as land is cleared. These people have figured and experimented in the avocado game. Take note where they are locating. South Bay is the coming avocado center and avocados alone will make this people the most prosperous in south Florida. Farewell, crookish crook!

Among those who registered at the South Bay Hotel this week were: A. H. Bourly of Leeshare; J. C. Luning, storekeeper, Tallahassee; Mr. Fish, Mr. Knott, a state official; Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Nance, West Palm Beach; South Bay land owners, and S. Toliver Graves, Seattle, Wash.; John Gansel Gilbert and Curtis L. Graves of West Palm Beach; J. H. Henderson, Gainesville, Fla., who is inspecting citrus trees for the state plant board; W. F. Adams, Miami, also an inspector; Mr. J. E. Johnson, Clifford Apartment owner, Miami, Fla.; J. E. Oliver, the hardware man, was in town, fishing, and making the State and county farm experts will hold an informal meeting at the South Bay schoolhouse to discuss with our farmers the real hard nut proposition.

We are all working hard on an Easter song service, which will make the community sit up and take notice. Did you ever hear our choir? If not, come out on Easter. It will be worth your while. Mr. Connolly will preach a special Easter sermon followed by an egg hunt for the youngsters.

Mrs. Frank Prager, entertained in observance of her husband's thirty-sixth birthday, and of course he was duly surprised. The master of cere-

monies gave a very nice toast to Mr. Franz, telling him how glad we were to have a real live business man who was interested in community welfare. Mr. Franz' reply was a splendid proof of his interest in taking in South Bay. The house was beautifully decorated and the birthday cake was the best of all. Many nice gifts were received.

BELLE GLADE

BELLE GLADE, March 17.—The young people again enjoyed a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Tedder, Friday evening of last week.

E. P. Plumb entertained his parents and sister of Hartford, Conn., last week. They left for the north Sunday. The mother and sister have been visiting relatives in Winter Garden for some time.

Our popular baker, E. L. Howard, has decided to enlarge his business and will open a bakery in West Palm Beach in the near future. We have been enjoying better bread than our city friends and resort to see him go. Here is an excellent opening for some one.

W. L. Bandon of Canal Point was in our community today, looking after business interests.

OKEECHOBEE

OKEECHOBEE, March 17.—A city as large as Orlando in a few years is the confident expectation of the business men of this place and in that belief they are disposed to assent to every proposal that is calculated to bring in money. With two railroads, a cross-street automobile road, the largest sawmill in the state, a third railroad in prospect, agriculture and growing importance as a tourist center, real estate values are advancing and money is being made by everyone who is dealing in it. That the profits are not "paper profits" is proved by the rapidly increasing deposits in the Bank of Okeechobee and Peoples Bank. Public work that is under way will be completed by the time the next winter season opens, so Okeechobee will be in better situation than ever for growth.

Business being even larger than was expected, the Hudson Wholesale Grocery Company's warehouse is being enlarged. The company took over the old F. E. C. depot at Riverside and is raising the roof to allow for a second story. Enoch Alderman is the manager of the Okeechobee branch. The main office of the company is at Palatka.

Charles R. Conner of Hobart, N. Y., has bought the Darrow building, in the post office block. Henry S. Henschen, representing a bond investment house in Chicago, recently gave large investments here. The Peoples Bank has been released as a county depository and the fund transferred to the Bank of Okeechobee. The city and the county have split between them the \$2,000 cost of three lots of films in which scenes of the county and city are pictured. Grand lodge officers of the Maschons visited Okeechobee yesterday and were entertained at the Rensselaire hall.

Miss Maurine Evelyn Maroney has been appointed as a teacher in the high school to succeed Miss Elizabeth Cretton, who resigned. The county school board has bought two lots from the Okeechobee Company for school purposes. The expulsion of Everett Johnson from the Okeechobee schools has been sustained by the county board.

PALM BEACH COUNTY

George P. Gilman, 65, native of Maine, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. F. D. Hosie of Stuart.

Darius H. H. of Stuart has bought the Salerno garage from E. N. Boynton.

J. M. Braxton, a Jacksonville civil engineer who knows more about east coast waterways than any other man, has been retained by the board of commissioners of the St. Lucie inlet district to make plans for the improvement of St. Lucie inlet.

A \$80,000 theater building is to be erected at Stuart.

The Consolidated Realty Company of West Palm Beach and E. Gruber have bought 14,000 acres of choice flatwoods land on the Seaboard Air Line road west of Jupiter.

WEST PALM BEACH

The legislature will be asked to make some changes in the West Palm Beach city charter. One of the changes will be to make the office of chief of police appointive instead of elective. Another to abolish the power to recall a city manager in an initiated election.

Promise is made by a group of local men that they will have a 15-story hotel erected on the west side of Palmetto street between Banyan and Clematis by November 15. The site is now occupied by the Salvation Army tabernacle. The hotel will be named The Washington.

W. J. vonHilfen is president of the company and C. J. Olmer secretary.

The 15th annual encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans, department of Florida, will be held here May 18, 19 and 20.

The state bankers convention will be held here April 9 to 11. Committees have been organized to entertain the visitors.

One hundred owners of property on Dixie highway between Banyan street and Northwood have joined in a move to widen the highway from the present 50 feet to 74 feet.

LOCKTENDERS' WEEKLY REPORT OF LAKE AND CANAL LEVELS

	LAKE GROUP				COASTAL GROUP				CALOOSA GROUP			
	Groveshatchee	North New River	North New River	North New River	North New River	North New River	North New River	North New River	Groveshatchee	North New River	North New River	North New River
Sunday	190.189	191.191	189.1875	120.42	35.20	27.13	11.3	5.5	190.189	191.191	189.1875	120.42
March 1	149.158	153.146	148.1875	22.02	35.18	27.13	11.3	5.5	149.158	153.146	148.1875	22.02
Tuesday	190.189	191.191	189.1875	120.42	35.20	27.13	11.3	5.5	190.189	191.191	189.1875	120.42
March 2	148.157	153.146	148.1875	22.02	35.18	27.13	11.3	5.5	148.157	153.146	148.1875	22.02
Wednesday	191.189	191.191	189.1875	120.42	35.20	27.13	11.3	5.5	191.189	191.191	189.1875	120.42
March 3	149.157	153.146	148.1875	22.02	35.18	27.13	11.3	5.5	149.157	153.146	148.1875	22.02
Thursday	193.189	192.191	189.1875	120.42	35.20	27.13	11.3	5.5	193.189	192.191	189.1875	120.42
March 4	149.156	153.146	148.1875	22.02	35.18	27.13	11.3	5.5	149.156	153.146	148.1875	22.02
Friday	190.190	192.193	190.1880	120.43	35.23	27.12	11.3	5.7	190.190	192.193	190.1880	120.43
March 5	149.156	153.146	147.1880	18.02	35.20	27.12	11.3	5.7	149.156	153.146	147.1880	18.02
March 6	192.194	198.199	192.1880	120.44	34.22	27.12	11.3	5.9	192.194	198.199	192.1880	120.44
March 7	149.155	152.145	146.1880	18.04	34.22	27.12	11.3	5.9	149.155	152.145	146.1880	18.04
Monday	191.191	198.199	194.1880	120.45	34.24	27.11	11.3	5.4	191.191	198.199	194.1880	120.45
March 7	148.155	152.145	144.1880	26.05	34.23	27.11	11.3	5.4	148.155	152.145	144.1880	26.05

SOUTH FLORIDA

A cross-street road to come out at Vero on the east coast is being promoted by residents of that place.

The Southern Bell Telephone Company has taken over the exchanges at Lake Worth and Fort Lauderdale.

Monroe county voted almost unanimously a \$245,000 road and bond issue. That is an example to Palm Beach county.

Three million quarts of strawberries, shipped from Plant City this season, have sold for \$82,542. This rivals East Beach's sales.

The relations between the several sections of Broward county are such that all are united in favor of a large addition to the court house.

The Hockensbury System, Inc., with headquarters at Harrisburg, Pa., and in 63 cities, may join with the headquarters of Fort Lauderdale in the construction of a million dollar hotel.

Otis A. Hardin, formerly of Canal Point, has secured a contract from the Taylor-Alexander Company of Winter Haven, for \$50,000 worth of work. Mr. Hardin flies from Sebring, where he now lives, to Winter Haven.

The Inn at Estero, Lee county, is being remodeled and enlarged. Many real estate transfers have been made, northern people being the buyers. The room is due to the improvement of the Tamiami Trail.

The second annual fruit festival at Homestead, given under the auspices of the Redland District Chamber of Commerce, came out even in finances instead of showing a deficit of \$90 as the first one did.

Albert Eaton, a 15-year old boy of Pompano, was fined \$5 in the mayor's court for swearing on the streets. The boy's amazement at seeing an acquaintance on a new pair of roller skates came from him a forbidden ejaculation.

Pat Johnston, mayor of Kissimmee, advocated repeal of the state law against Sunday baseball. He says: "I would rather know that my children were at a baseball game than to wonder where they were."

Mayor Johnston's remarks were made at a meeting of the Kissimmee Chamber of Commerce.

Homestead won first prize in the avocado exhibit at the Dade county fair last week. Nine different varieties of avocados were exhibited, including a new unnamed late variety of which there is but one tree in bearing now.

Johnston of the Okeechobee schools, fruit is still on the tree and will not ripen until some time in April.

E. E. Byrd, who has been acting secretary of the Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce, has been made the regular officer, in place of Secretary R. Blank, who resigned.

It was Secretary Blank who called the meeting at Okeechobee in February that led to the organization of the Everglades Reclamation Association.

Dr. E. L. Demmon of the Garden of Eden has been invited to participate in a trip to the Cuban International Exposition where his string of single combed White Leghorns made a clean up of the entire show, taking every prize in that class of poultry, and also winning the grand championship silver cup for both males and females of all breeds.

H. C. Darbey is president of the "Highlands-Glades Development Company," which says it will drill test holes at Venus in exploring for oil and gas. Carl Whitlock of Moore Haven is a member of the "committee on constitution and by laws."

The newspaper reports make no mention of committees on credentials or resolutions of an organization to get sunshine out of cucumbers and bottle it.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Legislature of Florida will at the Regular Session, 1925, be managed by Special Acts relating to the following:

1. An Act authorizing the Board of Supervisors of the Palm City Drainage District in Palm Beach County, Florida, to issue and sell bonds not to exceed Twenty Thousand Dollars per value, to liquidate outstanding indebtedness of the District.

2. An Act authorizing the Board of Supervisors of the Highlands Glades Drainage District in Palm Beach County, Florida, to issue and sell bonds not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars per value, to provide funds to complete the work under its present Plan of Reclamation, or any amended Plan of Reclamation, or any system of dikes and pumping that may be adopted for the said Highlands Glades Drainage District.

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No. 41 Coaches-Sleepers	9:15 AM
No. 43 All Pullman	7:35 PM
No. 35 Coaches and Pullmans	9:30 PM
No. 29 Coaches and Parlor	9:40 PM

Northbound

No. 88 All Pullman	1:15 AM
No. 86 Coaches-Sleepers	3:45 AM
No. 30 Coaches and Parlor	7:45 AM
No. 34 All Pullman	11:10 AM
No. 36 Coaches-Sleepers	9:35 AM
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HOMESTEAD, Fla., March 15.—
More than 1,000 cases of canned toma-
atoes a day are now being packed by
the three canneries in Homestead and
Florida City and no one of them is
working more than one-half capacity
because of labor shortage, the Home-
stead Leader says in an article in the
current week's issue.

The Polk Canning Company is the
newest, most modern, and the largest
cannery in operation this season. It is
located in the southwestern edge of
Homestead and employs all white help.
Its capacity, says T. H. Jacobs, general
manager, is about 100 cases a day,
but it is operating on less than one half
capacity because it cannot get the help
required.

The Polk cannery thought, said Mr.
Jacobs, that it could find all the help it
needed during the tourist season, but
found that the average man and woman
of the tourist class would stay but a
week or two and then wanted to move
on and see some other part of the state.
Last week the company went to Haines
City and secured about eighteen young
girls and women, all of whom are ex-
perienced in canning work, and it ex-
pects to secure additional help from
interior Florida points before the peak
of the canning season arrives.

Most of the season's pack has already
been sold, say the canneries and at a
very good price. The demand is for
standard two-pound cans, which are
the only cans used in this section.

An abundance of fruit is coming in
now. Every cannery could put up as
much again if it could get the opera-
tives. For canning stock the canneries
are saying, this week, from 25 to 40
cents a field box, a price that gives a
fair profit also to the grower.

Feeders and packers make from
three to four dollars a day of ten hours,
according to their activity and skill;
and in the canneries they work under
sanitary conditions with an abundance
of light and air.

Superintendent Murray of the Polk
Canning Company is also during the
pimiento canning season superintendent
of the Griffin Pimiento Canning Com-
pany in Georgia, the largest cannery of
pimiento peppers in the world. Under
his supervision things are working
smoothly and speedily here.

What the total pack of the Home-
stead and Florida City canneries will
be cannot be told yet. The season will
run at least until the last week in April
and during that time the price of green
tomatoes in the market will determine
whether or not much stock will be left
for canning.

This very much of the canned pro-
duct from these plants will move north-
by water. One steamship company
alone, through B. Lohelmann, Co.,
steamship agents and ship brokers of
Philadelphia, has announced that it
will handle 40,000 cases this season
from the port of Miami. Other steam-
ship companies are also arranging to
share in the freight offering of this
section's canneries.

**CAREFUL ATTENTION IS
NECESSARY FOR CHICK**

After baby chicks are in the brood-
er success with them depends on how
well they are cared for. The critical
time for baby chicks is during the
first 10 days, and the more care and
attention they receive during this period
the better.

Following is a list of 16 points on
successful chick raising that N. R.
Mehrhoth, poultryman for the Florida
Agricultural Extension Division, says
should receive careful consideration:

1. Put only those chicks in the brood-
er that are healthy and strong, and
stand well on their feet. It does not
pay to bother with weak chicks.
2. Do not crowd. It is well to put only
300 chicks under a 500-chick brooder.
3. Do not feed too soon. The chicks
have enough food in their systems at
birth to last for 24 to 72 hours, and
should not be fed before then. Digestive
troubles and weak chicks follow
feeding too soon.
4. The first feed should be milk in
some form—skim milk or butter milk.
Milk is indispensable. Skim milk is
both a food and a tonic. It contains
lactic acid which tends to cleanse the
digestive tract and prevent certain dis-
eases.
5. Always have fine grit and oyster
shell on hand.
6. Have a good chick scratch and
mash ready.
7. Feed often and sparingly, six or
more times a day. Make the first feed
in the morning and the last in the even-
ing a grain feed. Do not overfeed.
8. Green feed is essential.
9. Keep the chicks comfortable. Do
not permit them to chill.
10. Do not let them crowd.
11. Keep them "on the go."
12. Watch out for the corners in the
brooder house.
13. Keep a supply of clean fresh water
before the chicks.

14. Get chicks out of doors as soon
as possible.

15. Young chicks often suffer from
diarrhea other than the infectious type.
Some of the causes of this form of
diarrhea are overheated or underheat-
ed brooders, sudden chilling, and im-
proper feeding.

16. Study the chicks and give them
good care so that they will have every
opportunity to develop.

FARM NOTES

The Florida Horticultural Society
will meet in annual convention at Eustis
April 7 to 10.

Losses by blight are everywhere
heavy in the Hastings potato district,
Dr. L. O. Gratz writes in the Hastings
Herald. The failure to control the dis-
ease is due, he says, to the fact that
dusting was not done early enough.

The real estate business is being hurt
at Hastings because of reports that
land is held at \$1000 to \$3000 an acre.
Prospective buyers being scared away.
Three hundred to \$500 an acre is the
price of improved farms, the paper
explains.

Dry weather has hurt Texas vegeta-
bles, according to a report to The
Packer from Dallas. Green beans are
scarce in Dallas and sold at 25 to 30
cents a pound.

Unusually cold spells throughout the
Mobile, Ala. section have destroyed
practically the entire plantings of green
beans, a dispatch to The Packer says.
Replanting was done at once, however,
and the ear lot movement is set for
May 10 to 15.

Last Texas tomato growers are set-
ting tomato plants. This is the earli-
est transplanting in many years. The
average is expected to be about 4500,
which is about the same as last year.

The Packer printed in its issue of
March 14 the news that rice and low-
aged beans on the eastern shore of
Lake Okeechobee.

ROOT ROOM

Hundreds of millions of dollars have
been spent in my state upon drains,
canals, tile and tiling, and yet the
farmer or gardener is rare who thinks
of drainage as anything but the removal
of standing water from the low places
in the fields and the making of the
fields dry enough to get the teams in-
side within a few days after storms.

Yet I am here to say that root room
and air for roots of potatoes, beets and
truck crops in general, are quite im-
portant results of proper clover rota-
tion as the maintenance of fertility;
and that the texture of the subsoil in
which vegetable crops are grown is
even more important than the texture
of the surface soil; and that a water
condition of the subsoil that allows air
and roots to penetrate deeply and live
in health is quite as important as to
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water run down a tile, and ditch, and
river to the sea.—C. L. Fitch, Ames
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1. To suggest a basis for continuous national promotional publicity for Florida, the state.
2. To inaugurate steps for more fully acquiring the people of Florida themselves with the business, industrial and agricultural possibilities and opportunities of their state;
3. To determine upon, if it is possible, provide ways and means for conducting local and state-wide educational campaigns in behalf of enabling legislation essential to the maximum development of state resources;
4. To inaugurate steps for research and fact gathering upon a comprehensive scale and upon which a future comprehensive development program for Florida, the state, be based.

Governor John W. Martin will deliver an address. Other subjects to be discussed will be: "Florida United for Florida," "Proposed State Participation in All-Florida Publicity," "The Business and Community Interests of Florida in Relation to All-Florida Promotion."

CALL FOR BIDS IN NEW DRAINAGE DISTRICT

CLEWISTON, Fla., March 18.—Call for bids for the construction of ditches in the Sugarlands sub-drainage district have been called for by F. Deane Duff, the secretary. Bids will be received until April 1 for the construction of about 138 miles of ditches amounting to 3,180,000 cubic yards of excavation and about 27 miles of levee amounting to 700,000 yards of embankment.

W. I. CONNERS PUTS BIG LAND ON THE MARKET

Some of W. I. Connors' Lake Okechobee land is advertised this week in half page ads in the Miami Herald and the Tampa Tribune. The property is described as containing 5,280 acres fronting seven miles long and a mile and a half wide on the eastern shore of Lake Okechobee, served by Connors Highway. It is pointed out that the highway constitutes a lake drive in the region of rare tropical beauty. The F. E. C. railroad traverses the western boundary. St. Lucie canal is only three miles away and the Seaboard Air Line two miles. The land is offered at an attractive price to a buyer who will develop it properly.

CALIFORNIA LAND PLAN REPORTED A FAILURE

SACRAMENTO, Calif., March 17.—The Delhi Colony, a state sponsored land settlement project near Morono, has been a financial failure. A legislative committee reported here today.

NEW CROP OF PAPAYAS NOTED BY TOURISTS

With the delicious papayas of one crop just off the trees, new melons are turning. Few of the motorists on Connors Highway who see the papaya plants growing wild on the roadside know what they are. Indeed, not many of the tourists observe them, but some of them do make inquiries. It is proper to refer to the product of the papaya as a melon, for that is exactly what it is. Be-though the plant grows erect, it is proper to refer to the product of the papaya as a melon, for that is exactly what it is. Be-though the plant grows erect, it is proper to refer to the product of the papaya as a melon, for that is exactly what it is.

HEAVY LOSS AS FIRE DESTROYS LARGEST STORE

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Pope and the ice cream parlor. It was apparent from the outset that the store building could not be saved.

In 20 minutes after its discovery the fire had reached its high point and the entire store was in danger. After consultation with residents, C. R. Brigham attempted to telephone to Okechobee for assistance from the fire department, the West Palm Beach line being out of use. The Okechobee exchange not answering the lines, Frank O'Connell called No. 1 tollhouse keeper, who got a man in a Ford to go into Okechobee and arouse the fire chief. Many shells and cartridges in the hardware department exploded and when the fire was almost burned out, two drums exploded and flew high into the air.

The Okechobee fire engine made the run to Canal Point, a distance of 35 miles, in that many minutes. Accompanying the engine were William Collins, sheriff, Clint Bass, chief of police; W. C. Boone, chief of the fire department, and Marcus Clements and U. B. Meeks. The men remained in Canal Point until 8 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Mr. Carter said yesterday that he would not know the total of the insurance until the policies had been checked over. Dal Geiger, the bookkeeper, reported the loss to the office of B. D. Cole, Inc., the insurance agent, and was told that request had been telegraphed to an adjuster at Jacksonville to come at once. Estimates of the insurance range from \$23,000 to \$27,000 but the latter amount is believed to include several thousand dollars of tornado insurance.

The value of the building and stock is estimated at about \$50,000. The total of the loss will depend upon the examination of the safe, and the condition of the safe is not known. The fire ruins are being guarded pending the arrival of the adjuster and the opening of the safe.

It is too early for him to know whether he will rebuild and reorganize in business, Mr. Carter said yesterday. As an evidence of appreciation, residents of Canal Point contributed a fund to the Okechobee fire department, making payments through R. M. Baker, manager of the Highway store. Those who took up a collection: The contributors are: Griffin & Davis \$5, Canal Point Garage \$5, Dan Sharp \$5, Dawson & Barrett \$5, Highway Store \$5, A. L. Pope \$5, J. Thomas \$2, R. M. Baker \$5, Frank O'Connell \$2, W. Simmons \$2, D. B. Doe \$4, J. G. Weeks \$3, C. R. Brigham \$5, W. A. Adams \$2, H. Vivian \$5, C. Tedder \$2, I. Rich \$1, Read \$5, C. Howard Sharp \$2, Willard Smith \$1, Henry Kolstad \$2, W. S. Lowe \$1.

GLADES WEATHER

Canal Point
Temperature, sunshine and rainfall record at Canal Point, Fla., for week ending March 15, 1925.

Date	High	Low	Rain
10	78	45	---
11	79	47	---
12	79	47	---
13	82	47	---
14	82	47	---
15	80	55	---
Average	78	50	---
Sunshine	67 hours, 35 minutes		
Rain since Jan. 1, 1925	6.90 inches		
Gauge above last, 18.8 feet; gauge below last, 14.3 feet.			
Reading, 6 a. m. January 15, 1925			
C. P. SHEFFIELD.			

Moore Haven

Record of meteorological observations taken by the undersigned as a cooperative observer of the Weather Bureau of the U. S. Department of Agriculture during the week ending March 14, 1925.

Date	High	Low	Rain
8	80	42	---
9	86	45	---
10	82	58	---
11	83	52	---
12	80	54	---
13	82	54	---
14	84	59	---

M. VALAER, Cooperative Observer, Pro Tem.

Okechobee

Record of meteorological observations taken by the undersigned as a cooperative observer of the Weather Bureau of the U. S. Department of Agriculture during the week ending March 15, 1925.

Date	High	Low	Rain
8	85	49	---
9	83	55	---
10	84	54	---
11	81	53	---
12	82	58	---
13	83	59	---

H. P. PETERSON, Cooperative Observer.

Everglades Experiment Station, Belle Glade, Fla.

Record of temperature, rainfall and evaporation at Everglades Experiment for week ending March 14, 1925.

Date	Max.	Min.	fall	ratio
8	73	25	0.00	0.211
9	73	42	0.00	0.189
10	82	44	0.00	0.173
11	85	46	0.00	0.150
12	84	49	0.00	0.171
13	84	48	0.00	0.202
14	82	51	0.00	0.210

GEO. E. TEDDER, Recorder.

VEGETABLES

Carlot shipments reported for Monday, March 16: Tomatoes: Florida East Coast 11, other Florida 2, total 13, total this season 1,614, last, 2,779; unreported 15th Florida east coast 46.

Potomac Yard passings: (24-hour period previous 11 a. m. today). Mixed vegetables: Total 10, New York 6, Philadelphia 2, Boston 1, Baltimore 1, Tomatoes: Total 39, New York 13, Philadelphia 4, Washington 3, Montreal 3, Baltimore 3, Buffalo 2, Pittsburgh 1, Boston 1, Beans: New York 4.

Atlanta: (Raining, 46). Beans: Supply low, account weather, market steady. Florida hampers \$560, mostly \$5.50; Peas: Peppers: Lettuce: No supplies.

Washington: (Raining, 42). Squash: Supply light, demand moderate, market steady. Florida crate white wrapped \$850, Beans: Supply light, demand moderate, market slightly Florida hampers green best \$607, ordinary \$4, hampers \$560. Eggplant: Supply moderate, demand limited, market slightly.

Florida crates medium \$41, small \$20.03. Tomatoes: Florida 3, cars on track, supply moderate, demand good. Florida 6's turning ripe, originals wrapped fancy \$360, choice \$465, green wrapped fancy choice \$280.69.

Baltimore: (Raining, 41). Tomatoes: Florida 2, 11 cars on track; supply moderate, demand good, market steady, very low ordinary, prices unchanged. Peas: No Florida. No bean quantities.

New York: (Raining). Tomatoes: Florida 9, Cuba 1, boat, supply good stock limited, demand moderate, good stock, most about steady. Florida demand fancy best \$660.50, fair \$464.25, Beans: Florida 5, receipts equal 1.

Cuba express, supply demand, market slightly tight, demand moderate, market slightly weak. Florida hampers green best \$706.78, fair \$667.

Chicago: (Clear, 41). Tomatoes: Florida 2, Mexico 4, 7 cars on track, supply moderate, demand slower, market about steady, demand replaced 6's, originals fancy \$868.50, choice \$767.50, market steady good stock, Florida 7-8 bu. hampers green best \$738.61, fair \$666.50.

Beans: Florida 1 express, no cars on track, supply moderate, demand limited, market steady good stock, Florida 7-8 bu. hampers green best \$738.61, fair \$666.50.

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TO STRAIGHTEN RIVER

OKEECHOBEE, March 17.—Senator Duncan U. Fletcher has notified the Okeechobee Chamber of Commerce that an appropriation of \$10,000 has been made by the government for deepening and straightening the Okeechobee river from the lake into the city, a distance of about three miles. The river is navigable now to boats of about 8-foot draft, and the traffic up this stream from the lake to the city docks has trebled in the past year.

REPAIRING FOUNDATION

Newt Verner, captain of a convict gang, brought but a crew the first of the week and had piling driven between the bridge tender house and the railroad bridge on the lake front. Two men from the office of the county engineer directed the work.

Florida has the essentials of a great home producing state. If you have no bees on your farm or in your grove already, why not try a few colonies?

"While 'The Birth of a Nation' was being shown at Kettler theater Sunday night, two young held up the woman ticket seller and got \$25 of the night's receipts. They escaped by forcing a passing motorist to drive them away in his car and then abandoning the car.

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WEST PALM BEACH

Discouraged because his loss of one arm was a handicap to getting on, Claude Carter, 17, took a poison tablet with suicidal purpose.

A second lodge of the I. O. O. F. was instituted this week.

Prohibition agents blew open a safe in a Banyan street resort to get contraband liquor. They also confiscated \$200 found in the safe.